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Roxbury, Sept. 22, 1869.

My dear Wendell:

The bearer of this is Mr. E. Kyllmann, just arrived from Manchester, Eng; whom I met when last in that city, and who brings with him letters of recommendation from John Stuart Mill, Rev. Mr. Steinthal, and others. He is by birth a German, but for the last ten years has been engaged in the cotton business in Manchester. He has come over to see about making a home for himself and family in the United States; and to this end will visit some of the cotton growing States, with a view to making an investment, and entering into the cultivation of cotton. You will be pleased with his intelligence and personal address. My friend Steinthal says of him — "He is a very thoroughgoing liberal man, who was Anti-Slavery as the natural result of his gen-

eral love of human right, and not from mere sentimental sympathy with the individual sufferers." He warmly espoused the cause of our Government during the rebellion, as an active member of the Union Emancipation League. He has left behind him, pro tem., in Manchester, a bright and charming young wife, (with whom Fanny was particularly pleased when we were there,) and three little children, who are to follow him as soon as practicable. The more of such immigrants, the better.

You can introduce him to Mr. Godkin, if you please.

He has a letter of introduction to Horace Greeley, from some one in England.

Harry will introduce him to one or two persons in New York.

Mr. Kyllman has had interviews with Edward Atkinson, J. M. Barnard, and other gentlemen in this city, concerning his plans.

Of course, he is seeking the best advice as to where to locate, make an investment, &c., and will need to proceed very cautiously, as he has had no experience in cotton growing, though familiar with the cotton business. Possibly he may be induced to settle in one of the Western States.

I hope he will find time to visit the Central Park before he leaves New York.

He may need some local information as to restaurants, horse-cars, &c., that you may be able to give him.

I hope my article in the Independent, concerning the late international boat-race, commended itself to your moral convictions. I wrote with reference to the "thousand and one" foolish rivalries which are getting to be nuisances, in matters of boating, walking, running, leaping, horse-racing, &c.; and not with any wish to undervalue Harvard. I have had letters from Gerrit Smith, Neal Dow, and others, warmly approving my article.

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Yesterday afternoon, your mother had one of her sudden ill turns, fainting away, looking deadly pale, &c., but soon recovered, and had a good night's sleep, and is comfortable this morning. I was not at home; but Fanny was so alarmed that she sent for Dr. Geist, who promptly came out, and left some powders. The sudden change in the weather may have had something to do with this attack. We must be prepared, at all times, for something even more serious. Make very slight reference to this in any letter you may write.

Tell George his mother received a letter from him this morning.

We shall expect to see William and Ellie to-morrow.

I wish it were possible to have you, and Lucy, and Lloyd with us for a time, but suppose it is not.

Your loving father,
W. L. G.